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Applicant : Michael S. CHOI, et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION WITH SUBMISSION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for his thorough review of the application.

AMENDMENTS

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked up version of the claims, showing insertions and deletions, is enclosed.

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1. (Amended) An oil storage and offtake system, comprising:
a storage tank attachable to a seabed and adapted to store hydrocarbons therein;
at least one fluid channel having a first end positioned inside of the tank proximal
a bottom of the tank and a second end in fluid communication with
seawater outside of the tank;
at least one offload line having a first end coupled to and in fluid communication
with the tank proximal a top of the tank and a second end adapted to be
fluid coupled to a tanker and accessible from a water surface; and